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1. WE APPROACHED GUB AUTHORITIES INFORMALLY ABOUT ADDITIONAL
TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT FOR THE BURMA ARMY TO USE
IN ANTI-NARCOTICS OPERATIONS. FROM THESE DISCUSSIONS, IT
BECAME EVIDENT THAT THE BURMESE DESIRE FOR SUCH EQUIPMENT,
AT LEAST FOR THE TIME BEING, IS NOT SUFFICIENTLY STRONG TO
OVERCOME THEIR RELUCTANCE IN PRINCIPLE TO ENTERING INTO
ADDITIONAL BILATERAL AID AGREEMENTS WITH US.

2. SINCE OUR PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVE IS IMPROVING THE GUB'S
CAPACITY TO OPERATE EFFECTIVELY AGAINST NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS,
WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE IN OUR INTEREST TO GIVE THEM THE
RADIOS WITHOUT A FORMAL, GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT
IF THIS CAN BE CONVENIENTLY DONE.

3. IF IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO GIVE THE BURMESE RADIOS WITHOUT
A FORMAL AGREEMENT, WE PROPOSE TO SO INFORM THEM.
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